

Floral Street Elementary School

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARETAKERS REPORT CARD & PARENT CONFERENCES

March 1, 2004

Dear Parents & Caretakers,

We'd like to call your attention to the upcoming report card and parent-teacher conferences. You will receive your son's/daughter's report card on **Monday, March 22**. You will again see comments listed, but this report card will also contain descriptors of your child's performance levels with regard to the Massachusetts curriculum standards in each academic subject. Art, music, foreign language, health, and physical education teachers will also report progress. Children will again be rated in the "Habits of Mind" section, which contains information about their thinking and behaviors that support learning.

On **Wednesday, March 24** parent-teacher conferences will be held. There is NO SCHOOL for students that day. Childcare will be available in the gym for the duration of your conference(s), between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., at the Floral Street School site only.

Criteria for which parents will be invited to the March conference will be based on individual teacher observations and assessments used to complete the report card. On March 1, along with this letter, you will receive a letter from your child(ren)'s teacher(s) about whether or not a conference is needed and at what time it will be held. The conference slots on March 24 are targeted for parents/caretakers with whom teachers feel the greatest need to meet, typically because the child is not making the progress we would like to see academically, socially, or emotionally. If the teacher is not planning to conference with you, as always you should still contact her/him if you have questions or concerns.

Specialists will again be available to conference on March 24. In addition, several of our art, music, foreign language, physical education, media, technology, and health teachers will be available to speak with you in the cafeteria between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., and from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Also, the curriculum specialists, reading specialists, and principals will host informational sessions about the elementary report card at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. These will be held in the media center.

Please feel free to be in touch with us to provide feedback about the new report card format or conference day arrangements. We can be reached at the above phone number or by email (jsawyer@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us or jlizotte@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us).

Sincerely,

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